

What is claimed is

1(currently amended). A holding device for a shower hose (5), comprising:
a feed-through element (4),
a shower hose (5) led through the feed-through element (4),
a retaining mechanism for securing the shower hose (5) against a movement in
at least one direction, and ~~further comprising 1.4~~
a detachable coupling for coupling and or decoupling the hose (5) with the
retaining mechanism.

2(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the retaining mechanism is disposed on the feed-through
element (4).

3(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~,
wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the coupling can be actuated manually by action upon
the feed-through element (4).

4(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of the~~
~~preceding claims~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the coupling can be actuated by
manipulation of the shower hose (5).

5(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of the~~
~~preceding claims~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the coupling can be released by
pulling on the shower hose (5) and engaged by renewed pulling.

6(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of the~~
~~preceding claims~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the shower hose (5) is secured at least
partially by force closure, ~~especially by deformation of the hose (5).~~

7(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of the~~
~~preceding claims~~, wherein ~~characterized in that, in the case~~ the shower hose is at
least one of ~~{a}~~ ribbed and or coiled shower hose (5), and the securement is realized
at least partially by form closure.

8(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in **claim 1, wherein** ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the retaining mechanism is configured such that **the retaining mechanism** ~~it~~ secures the shower hose (5) only in a certain rotary position and in another rotary position lets **the shower hose** ~~it~~ through.

9(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in **claim 1, wherein** ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the retaining mechanism has a sleeve (14), which, at one position at least, has an inwardly projecting oblique surface (16).

10(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 9, **wherein** ~~characterized in that, in the rest of a~~ the circumferential region **apart from the inwardly projecting oblique surface**, the sleeve (14) has a configuration in which the internal diameter is not reduced.

11(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in **claim 9, wherein** **the sleeve comprises an outer sleeve and** ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the retaining mechanism has a clamping sleeve (22, 32), which is guided in the outer sleeve (14) so as to be movable to a limited degree and, at one circumferential position at least, has an outwardly protruding projection (25, 37).

12(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 11, **wherein** ~~a~~ ~~characterized in that the circumferential extent of the projection (25, 37) is smaller than a~~ the circumferential extent of a portion of the outer sleeve (14) which **that** is free from the oblique **surface** ~~surfaces~~ (16).

13(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in **claim 11, wherein** ~~either of claims 11 or 12, characterized in that~~ the projection (25, 37) is configured so as to be flexible in **a** the radial direction.

14(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 13, **wherein** ~~characterized in that~~ the projection (25, 37), upon its radial movement inward, enters

into at least one of force and ~~[-or-]~~ form closure with the shower hose (5) led through the clamping sleeve (22, 32).

15(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 11, wherein ~~one of claims 11 to 14, characterized in that~~ the projection (25) is configured on a molded-on tongue (24) of the clamping sleeve (22).

16(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 11, wherein ~~one of claims 1 to 14, characterized in that~~ the projection (37) is configured on a separate component.

17(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the clamping sleeve (22, 32) is configured such that, when the shower hose (5) is moved, the clamping sleeve it is carried along with the shower hose it in a its longitudinal direction.

18(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 11 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, comprising a connecting link guide between the outer sleeve (14) and the clamping sleeve (22, 32), which aligns the at least one said projection (25, 37) of the clamping sleeve (22, 32) alternately with the at least one said oblique surface (16) and an the interspace with ~~between~~ the at least one said oblique surface (16).

19(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the connecting link guide has a connecting link on the outer sleeve (14) and at least one pin (21) on the clamping sleeve (22, 32).

20(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 18 ~~or 19~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the connecting link guide allows a full rotation of the clamping sleeve (22, 32).

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